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- 2) a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed document.

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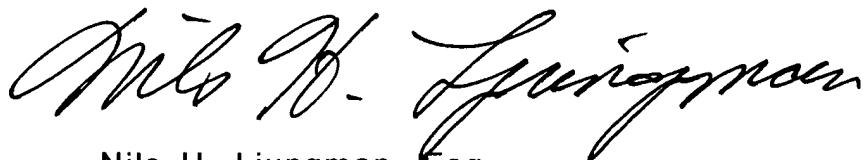
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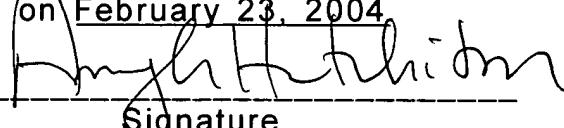
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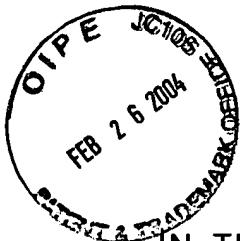
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PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated January 22, 2004,
please enter the following Provisional Election.

In the Examiner's Action dated January 22, 2004, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following groups was required:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to methods of making glass, classified in class 65, subclass 134.1.
- II. Claims 16 and 17, drawn to a glass-making plant, classified in class 65, subclass 346.

- III. Claim, 18, drawn to a method of making a stove, classified in class 126, subclass 273R.
- IV. Claims 19 and 20, drawn to a method of making glass articles, classified in class 126, subclass 200.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

The requirement for election set forth in the Action is hereby expressly traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully requested.

It is submitted that the above-listed Groups I-IV are so closely related to one another that their examination could be most efficiently and effectively carried out in a single application.

However, in the event the election requirement is maintained, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, for prosecution in the present application. Presently, Claims 1-15 all appear to apply to Group I.

It is respectfully requested that an action on the merits be issued at an early date.

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